



# BUDGET WEEK

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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation  
scheduled for the House floor

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## SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) ***Expressing the Sense of the House of Representatives Regarding Several Individuals Who Are Being Held as Prisoners of Conscience by the Chinese Government for Their Involvement in Efforts to End the Chinese Occupation of Tibet*** (H.Res. 157).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

2) ***Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act of 2003*** (H.R. 2264).   
This bill authorizes a new Congo Basin Forest Partnership program. The program is intended to fund grants by the U.S. Agency for International Development to address deforestation and loss of biodiversity in the tropical forest zone of the Congo river basin in Africa. This bill authorizes the appropriation of \$18.6 million in each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005. The bill does not increase direct spending – spending not subject to appropriations – or reduce revenue.

3) ***Expressing the Profound Sorrow of the House of Representatives on the Anniversary of the Accident That Cost the Crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia Their Lives, and Extending Heartfelt Sympathy to Their Families*** (H.Res. 507).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

4) ***Recognizing the 93rd Birthday of Ronald Reagan*** (H.J.Res. 84).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

5) ***Honoring John Stockton*** (H.Res. 274).   
This resolution has no budget implications.

## LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE

**Bill:** ***Improving the Community Services Block Grant Act of 2003*** (H.R. 3030). 

**Committee:** Education and the Workforce

**Summary:** This bill reauthorizes the Community Services Block Grant Program [CSBG]. The CSBG program provides grants to States for a range of services intended to reduce poverty. These services include employment assistance, education, housing assistance, nutrition, energy, emergency services, health, and substance abuse assistance. The bill also authorizes the Community Food and Nutrition Program, which provides grants to private

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and public agencies, at both the State and local level, to coordinate existing food assistance resources, and to develop innovative approaches to meet the nutrition needs of low-income persons. The bill does not directly increase spending, but rather authorizes the funding amount, subject to future legislation by the Appropriations Committee to provide the appropriate budget authority for these programs.

**Cost:** The bill does not increase spending or reduce revenue. If subsequent appropriations are enacted at the levels authorized by this bill, budget authority for CSBGs is estimated to be \$657 million in 2004, and \$4.2 billion over the 2004-09 period. For the Community Food Nutrition Program, appropriations are projected to be \$7 million in 2004, and \$47 million over the 2004-09 period.

**Budget Act:** The bill does not violate the Congressional Budget Act.